

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for allocating bandwidth in a wireless communications network, comprising:

a geo-location tool residing on a computer-readable medium, the geo-location tool operable to receive data for a wireless communications network including a plurality of geo-location areas and to estimate bandwidth parameters for a geo-location area based on the data; and

an allocation engine residing on the computer-readable medium, the allocation engine operable to allocate bandwidth in the geo-location area based on its bandwidth parameters.

2. The system of Claim 1, further comprising:

the geo-location tool further operable to determine an allocation bandwidth for the geo-location area; and

the allocation engine further operable to allocate bandwidth in the geo-location area based on the allocation bandwidth.

3. The system of Claim 1, wherein the bandwidth parameters comprise at least one of a bandwidth usage and a bandwidth demand for the geo-location area.

4. The system of Claim 1, wherein the bandwidth parameters comprise bandwidth interference contribution for the geo-location area.

5. The system of Claim 1, further comprising:
the geo-location tool operable to estimate
bandwidth parameters for the geo-location area on a per
service class basis; and

5 the allocation engine operable to allocate
bandwidth in the geo-location on the per service class
basis based on the bandwidth parameters.

6. The system of Claim 1, wherein the data
10 received by the geo-location tool comprises historic and
service level data for the wireless communications
network.

7. The system of Claim 1, the geo-location tool
15 further operable to generate, based on the data, a source
map comprising sources of bit usage in the geo-location
area and to estimate bandwidth parameters for the geo-
location area based on the source map.

8. The system of Claim 7, wherein the sources of
20 bit usage comprise a high bandwidth use facility for
which a contractual service level is provided by the
wireless communications network.

9. The system of Claim 7, wherein the sources of
25 bit usage comprise an establishment for which local
wireless access is provided by the wireless
communications network at a contractual service level.

10. The system of Claim 1, wherein the data
30 comprises contractual service level data.

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11. The system of Claim 1, wherein the data comprises at least one of data measured from usage within the wireless communications network, radio frequency measurement, and interference estimates.

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12. The system of Claim 1, the geo-location tool further operable to generate, based on the data, a subscriber usage profile indicating the probability of a subscriber engaging in a connection at the geo-location area and to estimate bandwidth parameters based on the subscriber usage profile.

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13. The system of Claim 12, wherein the subscriber usage profile comprises mobility information for the subscriber.

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14. The system of Claim 12, wherein the subscriber usage profile comprises service class invocation information for the subscriber.

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15. The system of Claim 12, wherein the subscriber usage profile comprises call hold information for the subscriber.

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16. The system of Claim 1, the geo-location tool further operable to generate, based on the data, a current usage map indicating real-time bandwidth being utilized at the geo-location area.

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17. The system of Claim 16, wherein the current usage map comprises a peak rate for each active connection within the geo-location area.

18. The system of Claim 17, wherein the current
usage map comprises activity and service class
information for each active connection within the geo-
location area.

19. The system of Claim 18, wherein the current
usage map comprises primary and neighboring servers for
each active connection within the geo-location area.

20. The system of Claim 1, the geo-location tool
further operable to generate, based on the data, a
current demand map for the geo-location area based on the
data.

21. The system of Claim 20, wherein the current
demand map comprises a peak rate for each active
connection within the geo-location area.

22. The system of Claim 21, wherein the current
demand map comprises activity and service class
information for each active connection within the geo-
location area.

23. The system of Claim 22, wherein the current
demand map comprises primary and neighboring servers for
each active connection within the geo-location area.

24. The system of Claim 1, the geo-location tool
further operable to generate, based on the data, an
expected demand map for the geo-location area based on
the data.

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31. The system of Claim 2, the allocation engine
further operable to generate a bandwidth supply map
indicating the available bandwidth at the geo-location
area based on the allocation bandwidth, a total
5 bandwidth, and an interference contribution bandwidth for
the geo-location area.

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32. A method for allocating bandwidth in a wireless communications network, comprising:

receiving data for a mobile network including a plurality of geo-location areas;

5 estimating bandwidth parameters for a geo-location area based on the data; and

allocating bandwidth in the geo-location area based on the bandwidth parameters.

10 33. The method of Claim 32, further comprising:

determining allocation bandwidth for the geo-location area based on the data; and

allocating bandwidth in the geo-location area based on the allocation bandwidth.

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34. The method of Claim 32, wherein the bandwidth parameters comprise at least one of a bandwidth usage and a bandwidth demand for the geo-location area.

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35. The method of Claim 32, wherein the bandwidth parameters comprise bandwidth interference contribution for the geo-location area.

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36. The method of Claim 32, further comprising:

estimating bandwidth parameters for the geo-location area on a per service class basis; and

allocating bandwidth in the geo-location area on the per service class basis based on the bandwidth parameters.

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37. The method of Claim 32, wherein the data comprises historic and service level data for the wireless communication network.

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generating, based on the data, a source map
comprising sources of bit usage in the geo-location area;
and
estimating bandwidth parameters for the geo-
10 location area based on the source map.

39. The method of Claim 38, wherein the sources of
bit usage comprise a high bandwidth use facility for
which a contractual service level is provided by the
15 wireless communications network.

40. The method of Claim 38, wherein the sources of
bit usage comprise an establishment for which local
wireless access is provided by the wireless communication
20 network at a contractual service level.

41. The method of Claim 32, wherein the data
comprises contractual service level data.

25 42. The method of Claim 32, wherein the data
comprises at least one of data measured from usage within
the wireless communications network, radio frequency
measurements, and interference estimates.

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49. The method of Claim 48, wherein the current usage map comprises activity and service class information for each active connection within the geo-location area.

50. The method of Claim 49, wherein the current usage map comprises primary and neighboring servers for each active connection within the geo-location area.

5 51. The method of Claim 32, further comprising generating a current demand map for the geo-location area based on the data.

10 52. The method of Claim 51, wherein the current demand map comprises a peak rate for each active connection within the geo-location area.

15 53. The method of Claim 52, wherein the current demand map comprises activity and service class information for each active connection within the geo-location area.

20 54. The method of Claim 53, wherein the current demand map comprises primary and neighboring servers for each active connection within the geo-location area.

25 55. The method of Claim 32, further comprising generating an expected demand map for the geo-location area based on the data.

56. The method of Claim 55, wherein the expected demand map comprises a peak rate for each potential connection within the geo-location area.

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57. The method of Claim 56, wherein the expected demand map comprises activity and service class information for each potential connection within the geo-location area.

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58. The method of Claim 57, wherein the expected demand map comprises primary and neighboring servers for each potential connection within the geo-location area.

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59. The method of Claim 32, further comprising generating an interference contribution map indicating the impact on resource usage of supporting various bandwidths at the geo-location area based on the data.

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60. The method of Claim 59, wherein the interference contribution map comprises an interference contribution value and a probability for each of a plurality of service classes associated with disparate bandwidths at one or more sectors within the geo-location area.

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61. The method of Claim 59, wherein the interference contribution map indicates expected resource usage for each of a plurality of service classes at the geo-location area.

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62. The method of Claim 33, further comprising generating a bandwidth supply map indicating the available bandwidth at the geo-location area based on the allocation bandwidth, a total bandwidth, and an interference contribution bandwidth for the geo-location area.

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63. A method for estimating bandwidth requirements for a service type in a wireless communications network, comprising:

5 determining bandwidth demand for the service type in an area;

determining interference contribution caused by the bandwidth demand; and

10 adding the interference contribution to the bandwidth demand to estimate allocation bandwidth requirements for the area.

64. The method of Claim 63, further comprising:

15 determining bandwidth demand for each of a plurality of service types in the area;

determining an interference contribution caused by the bandwidth demand for each service type; and

20 adding the interference contribution to the bandwidth for each service type to estimate bandwidth requirements for the service types for the area.

65. The method of Claim 63, further comprising determining interference contribution caused by the bandwidth demand based on a time of day.

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66. A system for estimating bandwidth requirements
in a wireless communications network, comprising:

a computer-readable medium; and

5 software stored on the computer-readable
medium, the software operable to determine a bandwidth
demand in an area of the wireless communications network,
to determine an interference contribution caused by the
bandwidth and to add the interference contribution to
the bandwidth demand to estimate the bandwidth
10 requirement for the area.

67. The system of Claim 66, wherein the software is
further operable to estimate a bandwidth requirement in
the area for each of a plurality of service types.

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68. A method for estimating a bandwidth requirement for a mobile device in a wireless communications network, comprising:

5 determining a bandwidth demand for a mobile device based on a requested service type;

determining an interference contribution caused by the bandwidth demand based on the location of the mobile device in the wireless communications network; and

10 adding the interference contribution to the bandwidth demand to generate an estimated bandwidth requirement for the mobile device.

69. The method of Claim 68, further comprising
15 determining interference contribution for the bandwidth demand based on a time of day.

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70. A system for estimating a bandwidth requirement for a mobile device in a wireless communications network, comprising:

a computer-readable medium; and
5 software stored on the computer-readable medium, the software operable to determine a bandwidth demand for a mobile device based on a requested service type, determine an interference contribution caused by the bandwidth demand based on the location of the mobile
10 device in the wireless communications network, and to add the interference contribution to the bandwidth demand to generate an estimated bandwidth requirement for the mobile device.

15 71. The system of Claim 70, the software further operable to determine the interference contribution based on a time of day.

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72. A system for allocating bandwidth in a wireless communications network, comprising:

a computer-readable medium; and

software stored on the computer-readable
5 medium, the software operable to receive data for a
wireless communications network including a plurality of
geo-location areas, to generate a source map comprising
sources of bit usage in a geo-location area, a subscriber
usage profile indicating the probability of a subscriber
10 engaging in a connection at the geo-location area, a
current usage map indicating real-time bandwidth being
utilized at the geo-location area, a current demand map
for the geo-location area, an expected demand map for the
geo-location area, and an interference contribution map
15 indicating the impact of resource usage of supporting
various bandwidths at the geo-location area based on the
data, and to allocate bandwidth in the geo-location area
based on the maps and profile.

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73. A quality of service (QoS) filter for a wireless connection, comprising:

a computer-readable medium; and

software stored on the computer-readable
5 medium, the software operable to receive the location of
a mobile device communicating over a wireless connection,
to determine quality of service parameters for the
connection based on the location of the mobile device,
and to determine out-of-level traffic for the connection
10 based on the quality of service parameters.

74. The QoS filter of Claim 72, the software
further operable to determine quality of service
parameters for the connection based on a time of day of
15 the connection.

75. The QoS filter of Claim 72, wherein the
location of the mobile device comprises a building for
which quality of service parameters are provided at a
20 contractual level.

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76. A method of communicating data received from a communicating device to a destination device, comprising: determining a connection to the destination device; and determining a connection base for the connection.

77. The method of claim 76, comprising: determining a quality of service for the connection base.

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77. The method of Claim 75, further comprising determining quality of service parameters for the section based on a time of day.

78. A system for allocating bandwidth in a wireless communications network, comprising:

a plurality of first stage queues including a per connection queue and a quality of service filter for each of a plurality of connections in an area of the wireless communications network, the connections each associated with one of a plurality of service classes;

a plurality of second stage queues including a per location queue for each of the service classes; and

an allocation engine operable to determine an allocation bandwidth for each service class based on the bandwidth demand in the first stage queues for the service class and interference contribution caused by the bandwidth demand, to allocate the allocation bandwidth to an extent available in the second stage queues and to transfer traffic from the first stage queues, to the second stage queues.

79. The system of Claim 77, wherein the quality of service filter determines out-of-level traffic for a connection based on location of a mobile device for the connection.

80. The system of Claim 77, wherein the quality of service filter determines out-of-level traffic for a connection based on a time of day.

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~~81.~~ An intelligent internet protocol (IP) wireless gateway, comprising:

5 a bandwidth supply map indicating available bandwidth at each of a plurality of geo-location areas in a wireless network; and

an allocation engine operable to generate and use the bandwidth supply map to allocate bandwidth to IP connections on a geo-location area basis in the wireless network and operable to account for bandwidth
10 interference between IP connections in the bandwidth supply map.

82. The intelligent IP wireless gateway of Claim 80, the allocation engine further operable to provide
15 location specific bandwidth supply estimates for bandwidth brokering.

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determining bandwidth usage including interference contribution for each of a plurality of areas in a wireless communications network;

generating and maintaining a real-time bandwidth availability map for each of the areas based on the bandwidth usage; and

accepting an additional connection from an area in response to at least determining that sufficient bandwidth exists at the location to support the connection.

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